

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
AMARILLO DIVISION

PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP, an individual, and REPRESENTATIVE RONNY JACKSON, an individual,

Plaintiffs,

v.

PARAMOUNT GLOBAL d/b/a PARAMOUNT, a Delaware corporation, CBS BROADCASTING INC., a New York corporation, and CBS INTERACTIVE INC., a Delaware corporation,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-00236-Z

Bill Owens, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declares and says the following under penalty of perjury:

1. I make this declaration based on my personal knowledge. I am over the age of 18 years and am fully competent to testify to the matters stated in this declaration.
2. I have been a journalist at CBS News for thirty-six years, beginning as a summer intern covering the national political conventions during the 1988 presidential election. Currently, I am the executive producer of *60 Minutes*. I work in New York, New York, where *60 Minutes* is produced. Prior to this role, I spent twelve years supervising the broadcast's content as a senior producer and, later, as executive editor. And before that, I held a variety of roles, including covering the impeachment of President Bill Clinton and breaking major stories in the scandal surrounding that historic event.

3. *60 Minutes* is America's No. 1 news program. In fact, 2024 marked *60 Minutes'* fiftieth straight season as the No. 1 news show on television across all broadcast and cable. Under my leadership, *60 Minutes* has been honored with its second Insight Award from the Library of American Broadcasting Foundation (2022) and an Emmy Award for Outstanding Recorded News Program (2021). I have received numerous awards for my news reporting, including numerous Emmy Awards and an IRE Award, and I contributed to a RTDNA Edward R. Murrow Overall Excellence Award.

4. During my tenure at *60 Minutes*, I have led the broadcast's interviews with President Joe Biden, President Donald Trump, President Barack Obama, Pope Francis, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, and Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell, among others. I have also overseen *60 Minutes'* five-year-long investigation into Havana Syndrome, which revealed for the first time that Russia may be involved in harming American government officials, and its year-long investigation into the looting of Cambodian antiquities that have ended up in American museums, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

5. For more than half a century, *60 Minutes* has similarly interviewed the major party candidates for president in October before each election. The first interview was held in 1968 with Richard Nixon and Hubert Humphrey. Consistent with this history, in the run-up to the 2024 presidential election, *60 Minutes* planned a program with the intent that the candidates for both major presidential parties would be interviewed.

6. While *60 Minutes* heard from President Trump's campaign that he agreed to be interviewed, the campaign later advised that President Trump was backing out of that interview.

Vice President Kamala Harris accepted *60 Minutes*' invitation. *60 Minutes*' Bill Whitaker ultimately interviewed Vice President Harris.

7. A short interview took place in person on October 3, 2024 on the campaign trail in Ripon, Wisconsin and on October 5, 2024 a nearly hour-long interview took place at the Vice President's residence at the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C.

8. On October 4, 2024, Bill Whitaker interviewed Governor Tim Walz in his home state of Minnesota for the same *60 Minutes* election special.

9. *60 Minutes* prepared its special election segment with edited portions of the interviews with Vice President Harris and Governor Walz for broadcast from its studio in New York, New York, where *60 Minutes* has the majority of its business records. All editing and production work took place in New York, New York. No production or editing work took place in Texas.

10. The *60 Minutes* broadcast including the interview of Vice President Harris took place on October 7, 2024 (the "Interview"). The Interview covered a wide range of topics, including the Middle East, the Vice President's changing views on fracking, Ukraine, and her economic policy.

11. A preview of the Interview was produced and provided by *60 Minutes* to *Face the Nation*, CBS News' Sunday morning public affairs program. *Face the Nation* is one of the longest-running news programs in the history of television, having debuted, according to CBS records, on November 7, 1954.

12. *Face the Nation* is produced in and broadcast largely live from CBS News' studio in Washington, D.C. The preview of the *60 Minutes* interview was broadcast on *Face the Nation* on October 6, 2024, prior to the *60 Minutes*' October 7, 2024 broadcast.

13. The most knowledgeable witnesses regarding the *60 Minutes* interview of Vice President Harris are me; *60 Minutes*' on-air correspondent Bill Whitaker; Executive Editor Tanya Simon; Producer Rome Hartman; Producer Marc Lieberman; Associate Producer Matthew Riley; Associate Producer LaCrai Scott; Associate Producer Cassidy McDonald; Executive Story Editor Claudia Weinstein; Technician Warren Lustig; and Broadcast Associate Mariah Johnson. Each of these individuals works in New York, New York, with the exception of Mr. Hartman, who works in Washington, D.C., and each would testify about their involvement with the interview.

14. My team produces approximately 100 segments each season for *60 Minutes*. In keeping with *60 Minutes*' standard for excellence, these segments take considerable time to produce. Were these individuals forced to travel to Amarillo, Texas throughout this litigation, it would seriously undermine their ability to gather and report the news in the regular course by pulling them away from shoots, assignments, and other production-related tasks.

15. **Exhibit A** to my declaration filed on December 6, 2024 contained a true and accurate copy of the October 6, 2024 *Face the Nation* broadcast, submitted via USB flash drive to the Court.

16. **Exhibit B** to my declaration filed on December 6, 2024 was a true and accurate copy of a transcript of the October 6, 2024 *Face the Nation* broadcast.

17. **Exhibit C** to my declaration filed on December 6, 2024 was a true and accurate copy of the October 7, 2024 *60 Minutes* broadcast, submitted via USB flash drive to the Court.

18. **Exhibit D** to my declaration filed on December 6, 2024 was a true and accurate copy of a transcript of the October 7, 2024 *60 Minutes* broadcast.

19. A true and accurate copy of the unedited transcript of CBS' interviews with Vice President Kamala Harris is annexed hereto as **Exhibit E**.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 4th day of March 2025 in New York, New York

By: Bill Owens  
Bill Owens

# Exhibit E

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1 CREW: [inaudible]

2 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Coming  
3 through, coming through.

4 CREW: Hey.

5 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Okay.

6 Hi, everyone. Well, welcome to mi casa.

7 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Ah, thank you.

8 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Hi. Hi.

9 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Hello again, Madam  
10 Vice President.

11 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: How are  
12 you?

13 MR. BILL WHITAKER: How are you today?

14 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: It's  
15 good to see you, Bill. Very well, thank you.  
16 Very well.

17 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Very good. Thank  
18 you for welcoming us here.

19 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Hi,  
20 everyone. Hi. What a crew.

21 MR. BILL WHITAKER: What a crew.

22 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Okay.

23 MR. BILL WHITAKER: It's a big day.  
24 Please --

25 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Please,

1 yes.

2 MR. BILL WHITAKER: You've got some  
3 beautiful artwork here.

4 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: I would  
5 love to -- You haven't been here.

6 MR. BILL WHITAKER: For the Christmas -  
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8 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Except  
9 the Christmas -- right. I have to show you, I've  
10 -- you know, I have -- So little known, maybe,  
11 part of my background is I attended a fine arts  
12 school for a period of time. And even just  
13 growing up, we would go to the California Academy  
14 of Arts on weekends. Anyway, I love art. And so  
15 when I came in as Vice President, I partnered  
16 with FAPE, which is a non-profit that helps  
17 supply art around the world for embassies. And I  
18 sat down with the curator, and gave them an idea,  
19 and including with the Baltimore Museum, gave  
20 them an idea of what I'd like.

21 And so, you know, normally in this  
22 house, it's a lot of art which is like scenes of,  
23 like, pastures with sheep.

24 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.

25 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Instead,

1 I brought, like, Carrie Mae Weems. Are you  
2 familiar with her?

3 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Yeah, yep. I am  
4 indeed.

5 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: And  
6 then, do you know Fred Wilson?

7 MR. BILL WHITAKER: I don't know Fred  
8 Wilson.

9 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Okay. So  
10 that chandelier --

11 MR. BILL WHITAKER: That's a beautiful  
12 piece.

13 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: -- that  
14 chandelier, I begged him. He does big  
15 installations. And I've had many a world leader  
16 in this dining room, and they'll walk by it, and  
17 they'll say, oh, is that Venetian? And I tell  
18 them, actually, no, it's Harlem.

19 So Fred Wilson, who is a Black man who  
20 lives in New York, did that piece. It's all on  
21 loan.

22 And that's Ed Clark. Do you know who  
23 Ed Clark is?

24 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.

25 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: That's

1 Ed Clark. I've got some Sam Gilliam, and he --  
2 You know, I'm so sorry that -- He knew it was  
3 here. He was alive when I first came in, but it  
4 was at the height of COVID, and then he passed.  
5 But his family has come to see it, but he was so  
6 happy that his art was in this house.

7 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Yeah.

8 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: So  
9 anyway, it's all on rotation. And like that one,  
10 I'll show you, is a young Black woman from North  
11 Carolina. She is --

12 MR. BILL WHITAKER: That's --

13 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: So  
14 Carmen Neely is her name.

15 MR. BILL WHITAKER: That's stunning.

16 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Yes.

17 She's really -- And so, you know, all the people  
18 like you, who come in the house, who are such,  
19 you know, opinion leaders, to be able to showcase  
20 all of this for people to see -- And then, you  
21 know, these world leaders, they'll say, that's  
22 American art? Yes, it is.

23 MR. BILL WHITAKER: How about that?

24 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Yes, it  
25 is, you know?

1 MR. BILL WHITAKER: How about that?

2 Yeah.

3 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Anyway.

4 Okay.

5 CREW: Bill, we'll do slate when you're  
6 ready.

7 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Yes.

8 Yeah, do whatever you want. You know I have no  
9 pride about this stuff. Okay.

10 CREW: [inaudible]

11 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: No,  
12 whatever you need to do.

13 CREW: Hang on.

14 CREW: Thank you.

15 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Okay.

16 CREW: Is everybody's cell phone on  
17 silent?

18 CREW: Mm-hmm.

19 CREW: Ready to slate, folks?

20 CREW: Slating.

21 CREW: [inaudible] you good?

22 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Okay.

23 And then, you know that mold is at an all time  
24 high today.

25 MR. BILL WHITAKER: I did not.

1 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Which is  
2 the one thing I am allergic to.

3 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Yeah?

4 CREW: [inaudible]

5 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: That's  
6 okay. Pollen is down.

7 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Mold is up.

8 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Mold is  
9 up.

10 CREW: That's it. Just take them off.

11 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: You know  
12 how I know that, as a matter of fact? Because I  
13 was watching CBS this morning.

14 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Oh, right?

15 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: And they  
16 had a little streamy thing.

17 MR. BILL WHITAKER: There you go.

18 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Now that  
19 I think about it.

20 MR. BILL WHITAKER: You learn something  
21 new every day.

22 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Indeed.

23 CREW: [inaudible] I'm going to just  
24 snap it once. Good?

25 CREW: Yep.

1 CREW: Coming around. Don?

2 CREW: Yeah?

3 CREW: Got it on both?

4 CREW: Okay, so we need to clear the  
5 background.

6 CREW: You good, Don?

7 CREW: Yes.

8 CREW: Thank you, Tim.

9 CREW: Thank you.

10 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: No  
11 problem. Just do what you need to do.

12 CREW: [inaudible]

13 CREW: Everybody set?

14 CREW: Rolling, perfectly happy.

15 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Everybody happy?

16 CREW: Looks good.

17 CREW: [inaudible] looks great.

18 MR. BILL WHITAKER: You good?

19 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: I'm  
20 good.

21 MR. BILL WHITAKER: All right.

22 Well, Madam Vice President, I want to  
23 thank you for doing this, and thank you for  
24 inviting us into your home.

25 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Of

1 course. Of course.

2 MR. BILL WHITAKER: We're going to be  
3 running this on the anniversary of the Hamas  
4 attack on Israel.

5 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Yeah.

6 October 7th.

7 MR. BILL WHITAKER: So let's just start  
8 with Israel.

9 CREW: Hang on one second, Bill.

10 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Yeah.

11 CREW: Sorry, we had someone in the  
12 background, and I'm afraid you're going to have  
13 to re-ask that.

14 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Okay,  
15 whoever's in the dining room?

16 WOMAN: It was me. Sorry.

17 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Okay.

18 MR. BILL WHITAKER: So yeah, just to  
19 start with Israel.

20 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Okay.

21 MR. BILL WHITAKER: The events of the  
22 past few weeks have pushed us to the brink, if  
23 not into an all-out regional war in the Middle  
24 East.

25 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Mm-hmm.

1                   MR. BILL WHITAKER: What can the U.S.  
2 do at this point to stop this from spinning out  
3 of control?

4                   VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Well,  
5 let's start with October 7th. Because obviously,  
6 what we do now must be in the context of what has  
7 happened. And as I reflect on a year ago, and  
8 that 1,200 people were massacred, young people at  
9 a festival, at a music festival, 250 hostages  
10 were taken, including Americans, women were  
11 brutally raped. And as I said then, I maintain  
12 Israel has a right to defend itself. We would.  
13 And how it does so matters.

14                   And as we fast forward into what we  
15 have seen in the ensuing weeks and months, far  
16 too many innocent Palestinians have been killed.  
17 And we know that, and I think most agree, this  
18 war has to end. And that has to be our number  
19 one imperative, and that has been our number one  
20 imperative. How can we get this war to end?  
21 Well, critical elements of that are we have got  
22 to get a hostage deal and a ceasefire deal done.  
23 We have to -- we have to get aid in. We have to  
24 lay the path toward a two-state solution. I do  
25 believe that we must maintain that as an

1 objective, no matter how out of reach it seems at  
2 the moment. And the work that we have to do is  
3 also pay attention to what is happening every day  
4 in the region, and put U.S. resources into  
5 everything we can do, diplomatically and  
6 otherwise, to de-escalate what is happening in  
7 the region.

8 MR. BILL WHITAKER: We supply Israel  
9 with billions of dollars in military aid.

10 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Mm-hmm.

11 MR. BILL WHITAKER: And yet Prime  
12 Minister Netanyahu seems to be charting his own  
13 course. The Biden Administration, the Biden-  
14 Harris Administration has pressed him to agree to  
15 a ceasefire, he's resisted. You urged him not to  
16 go into Lebanon, he went in anyway. He has  
17 promised to make Iran pay for the missile attack,  
18 and that has the potential of expanding the war.  
19 Does the U.S. have no sway over Prime Minister  
20 Netanyahu?

21 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Well,  
22 let's start with this. On this subject, the aid  
23 that we have given Israel allowed Israel to  
24 defend itself against 200 ballistic missiles that  
25 were just meant to attack the Israelis, and the

1 people of Israel. And I think that is the most  
2 recent example of why what we do to assist in  
3 their defense around military aid is important.  
4 And when we think about the threat that Hamas,  
5 Hezbollah presents Iran, I think that it is  
6 without any question our imperative to do what we  
7 can to allow Israel to defend itself against  
8 those kinds of attacks.

9 Now, the work that we do diplomatically  
10 with the leadership of Israel is an ongoing  
11 pursuit around making clear our principles, which  
12 include the need for humanitarian aid, the need  
13 for this war to end, the need for a deal to be  
14 done which would release the hostages, and create  
15 a ceasefire. And we're not going to stop in terms  
16 of putting that pressure on Israel, and in the  
17 region, including with other leaders in the  
18 region, including Arab leaders.

19 MR. BILL WHITAKER: But it seems that  
20 Prime Minister Netanyahu is not listening. "The  
21 Wall Street Journal" said that he -- that your  
22 administration has repeatedly been blindsided by  
23 Netanyahu, and in fact, he has rebuffed just  
24 about all of your administration's entreaties.

25 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Well,

1 Bill, the work that we have done has resulted in  
2 a number of movements in that region by Israel  
3 that were very much prompted by, or a result of  
4 many things, including our advocacy for what  
5 needs to happen in the region. And we're not  
6 going to stop doing that. We are not going to  
7 stop pursuing what is necessary for the United  
8 States to be clear about where we stand on the  
9 need for this war to end.

10 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Just one last  
11 thing. Do we have a real close ally in Prime  
12 Minister Netanyahu?

13 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: I think,  
14 with all due respect, the better question is do  
15 we have an important alliance between the  
16 American people and the Israeli people. And the  
17 answer to that question is yes. And we are going  
18 to do what is important to support whatever  
19 leadership is in Israel, that is defending the  
20 security of the State of Israel.

21 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Let's shift gears  
22 here, and most basic of questions, why do you  
23 want to be President of the United States?

24 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: There  
25 are many reasons. But probably first and

1 foremost, I truly believe in the promise of  
2 America. I do. And I love the American people.  
3 You know, we are a people who have ambition and  
4 aspirations and dreams, and optimism and hope.  
5 If you look at the character of who we are, and  
6 how we have achieved the strength that we have  
7 achieved, I believe in large part it is because  
8 of our character, and our belief in the promise  
9 of America. And I'm running for President  
10 because I want to do everything that is possible  
11 to create an opportunity for people to achieve  
12 those goals, those ambitions, and those dreams.

13 And that is why you will hear me talk  
14 about my plan for an opportunity economy, to  
15 invest in what we can do not only to bring the  
16 cost of living and prices down for folks, because  
17 even though we've achieved a lot of success,  
18 prices are still too high. You know it, I know  
19 it. But what we can do to invest in the  
20 innovation that is happening in startups, in our  
21 small businesses, what we can do to invest in the  
22 industries of the future, what we can do to  
23 maintain America's strength in the global  
24 context.

25 MR. BILL WHITAKER: But that's why you

1 want to run. That's why you want to be  
2 President.

3 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: That's  
4 why I'm running. That, and some other reasons.

5 MR. BILL WHITAKER: But you're asking  
6 the American people to make you the most powerful  
7 person on the planet.

8 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Mm-hmm.

9 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Why do you deserve  
10 the American people's votes?

11 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Well,  
12 first of all, I have a career and a history of  
13 being very clear that I think of my role of  
14 leadership, and in particular now, for the last  
15 four years as Vice President, and moving forward  
16 as President, if the voters will have me, as  
17 being a leader on behalf of all Americans. As  
18 you know, I spent the majority of my career as a  
19 prosecutor. And I'm going to tell you, I never  
20 asked a victim of crime, a witness whether they  
21 were a Democrat, are you a Republican, are you an  
22 Independent? The only thing I ever asked folks  
23 is, are you okay? And I believe that America  
24 deserves a leader who works on behalf of all  
25 Americans, and understands the importance of

1 knowing that the vast majority of us have so much  
2 more in common than what separates us.

3                   And my career and my work has always  
4 been about being grounded in common sense  
5 approaches to getting things done. And when it  
6 comes to what we need to do as it relates to  
7 national security, we just had that conversation,  
8 that includes understanding and respecting the  
9 power and the strength of the United States of  
10 America, and our then responsibility to be a  
11 global leader, to nurture and strengthen our  
12 alliances around the world, to respect the U.S.  
13 military, and its most noble mission, to do the  
14 work of appreciating alliances, be it NATO or  
15 others, to do the work of pursuing diplomacy when  
16 it is in the best interest of our national  
17 security and prosperity.

18                   And my experiences tell me not only  
19 that those must be priorities of the United  
20 States of America, and the President of the  
21 United States of America, and the Commander in  
22 Chief of the United States of America, but also,  
23 all of those experiences tell me that the  
24 American people in this election have a clear  
25 choice. Because on the other side of the

1 equation, we are looking at the Former President  
2 Donald Trump, who has shown himself to be, when  
3 he was a commander in chief, someone who gave  
4 away America's standing in terms of our  
5 principles of standing up to dictators and  
6 autocrats. You see how he compliments Putin even  
7 today, someone who was prepared to walk away from  
8 our alliances. NATO is the strongest military  
9 alliance the world has ever known. We have seen  
10 someone, in Donald Trump, who openly criticizes  
11 the United States military, men and women who are  
12 prepared to at great sacrifice serve our country,  
13 and defend the principles upon which we were  
14 founded. He calls them suckers and losers.

15 MR. BILL WHITAKER: But Madam Vice  
16 President, a quarter of registered voters still  
17 say they don't know you, they don't know what  
18 makes you tick. And why do you think that is? I  
19 mean, you have been Vice President for almost  
20 four years. You've been on the national scene  
21 for longer. What's the disconnect?

22 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: It's an  
23 election, Bill. And I take it seriously that I  
24 have to earn everyone's vote. And that's why I'm  
25 traveling our country. I've seen you in a few

1 states in the last couple of days, I am talking  
2 to folks where they live. I am listening to  
3 folks, and working to earn the vote of every  
4 American. This is an election for President of  
5 the United States. No one should be able to take  
6 for granted that they can just declare themselves  
7 a candidate, and automatically receive support.  
8 You have to earn it. And that's what I intend to  
9 do.

10 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Let me tell you  
11 what your critics, and the columnists say.

12 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Okay.

13 MR. BILL WHITAKER: They say that the  
14 reason so many voters don't know you is that you  
15 have changed your position on so many things.  
16 You were against fracking, now you're for it.  
17 You supported looser immigration policies, now  
18 you're tightening them up. You were for Medicare  
19 for all, now you're not. So many that people  
20 don't truly know what you believe, or what you  
21 stand for. And I know you've heard that.

22 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: So let's  
23 be clear. First of all, a lot of the positions  
24 that you're talking about have been discussed and  
25 dispensed with in 2020, four years ago. But let

1 me be clear on something.

2                   In the last four years I have been Vice  
3 President of the United States. Not a senator  
4 from a particular state, not coming from a  
5 particular state, but Vice President of the  
6 United States of America. And I have been  
7 traveling our country, and I have been listening  
8 to folks, and seeking what is possible in terms  
9 of common ground, common sense solutions,  
10 building consensus. And that is why I have taken  
11 the positions that I take, not dispensing with my  
12 values, but understanding we have to -- a real  
13 leader has to find consensus.

14                   So for example, on the issue of  
15 fracking, I've been very clear since 2020, I will  
16 not end fracking. I did not, as Vice President.  
17 In fact, as Vice President of the United States,  
18 I cast the decisive vote. I broke the tie in  
19 Congress that now allows more leases for  
20 fracking.

21                   On the issue of healthcare in America,  
22 my value has always been that access to  
23 healthcare should be a right, and not just a  
24 privilege of those who can afford it. Which is  
25 why I cast the tie-breaking vote in the United

1 States Congress that has now allowed us to cap  
2 the cost of insulin for seniors at \$35 a month.  
3 The work that I have been a part of, and helped  
4 lead about capping the cost of prescription  
5 medication for our seniors at \$2,000 a year, all  
6 born out of my belief that we need to bring the  
7 price of medication down because it has been too  
8 expensive for too many people, to the point that  
9 they couldn't even afford to fill their  
10 prescription. That's why I've been a huge  
11 advocate for what we have accomplished, finally,  
12 to allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices on  
13 behalf of the American people.

14 MR. BILL WHITAKER: You have said that  
15 your values haven't changed, but your positions  
16 have. And I think people want to know is this  
17 evolution, or as your critics say, opportunism?

18 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: I think  
19 that we should understand the importance of a  
20 leader building consensus. I believe in building  
21 consensus. And I believe in finding a way that  
22 the American people -- and we are a diverse  
23 people. Geographically, regionally, based on  
24 whether it be urban, rural, agricultural, we are  
25 a diverse people in terms of where we are in our

1 backgrounds. And what the American people do  
2 want is that we have leaders who can build  
3 consensus, where we can figure out compromise,  
4 and understand it's not a bad thing, as long as  
5 you don't compromise your values, to find common  
6 sense solutions. And that has been my approach.

7 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Let's move on to  
8 the economy. As you were saying -- Well, first  
9 of all, the economy and inflation, those are the  
10 primary concerns of the American voters this  
11 election year.

12 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Mm-hmm.

13 MR. BILL WHITAKER: You just got some  
14 blockbuster jobs report, a blockbuster job report  
15 the other day, and there are lots of signs that  
16 the American economy is doing very well, better  
17 than most countries, I think. But the American  
18 people don't seem to be feeling it. Groceries  
19 are 25% higher than when you took office, and  
20 people are blaming you and Joe Biden for that.  
21 Are they wrong?

22 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: So you  
23 are correct that under our leadership, the United  
24 States of America has recovered, and is stronger  
25 than any other so-called developed nation in the

1 world, in particular after the crisis that was  
2 the pandemic. And understand, we came into  
3 office facing a disaster, in large part because  
4 of the mismanagement of the Former President  
5 Donald Trump, where the economy was in a slump,  
6 people were dying by the hundreds. It was a real  
7 crisis. But because of our approach and our  
8 work, we now have historic low unemployment in  
9 America, among all groups of people. We now have  
10 an economy that is thriving by all macroeconomic  
11 measures. We have recovered in a way that we  
12 have created almost 800,000 new manufacturing  
13 jobs. We have created over 16 million new jobs  
14 as a whole.

15 And to your point, prices are still too  
16 high. And I know that, and we need to deal with  
17 it. Which is why part of my plan, you mentioned  
18 groceries, part of my plan is what we must do to  
19 bring down the price of groceries. I'm taking on  
20 an issue I've taken on before as Attorney  
21 General, the issue of price gouging. Which is  
22 not all, but some corporations and businesses  
23 that take advantage of a crisis, and jack prices  
24 up, making the cost of groceries and other  
25 everyday essentials too expensive for the

1 American people.

2 MR. BILL WHITAKER: But you're --

3 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: I'm  
4 taking on the issue of housing. It's a big issue  
5 in our country. It's too expensive. There were  
6 generations before us that believed they could  
7 achieve the American dream, which included home  
8 ownership. Now I travel our country, I talk to  
9 young people every day, and they are so concerned  
10 they'll never be able to afford to buy a home, or  
11 even start a family because of the cost of  
12 housing. So part of my plan is to put the  
13 resources into partnering with builders and  
14 developers, to create incentives for them to  
15 build three million new homes by the end of my  
16 first term. And my plan includes giving first-  
17 time homebuyers a \$25,000 down payment assistance  
18 so they can just get their foot in the door.

19 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Well, let's talk  
20 about that. You want to expand the Child Tax  
21 Credit.

22 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Yes, I  
23 do.

24 MR. BILL WHITAKER: You want to give  
25 tax breaks to first-time homebuyers.

1 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Yes.

2 MR. BILL WHITAKER: And people starting  
3 small businesses.

4 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Right.

5 MR. BILL WHITAKER: But it is estimated  
6 by the Nonpartisan Committee for Responsible  
7 Federal Budget that your economic plan would add  
8 \$3 trillion to the federal deficit over the next  
9 decade. How are you going to pay for that?

10 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Okay.

11 So the other economists that have reviewed my  
12 plan versus my opponent, because this is an  
13 election and there are two choices, everyone from  
14 Goldman Sachs to Moody's to 16 Nobel laureates,  
15 so on the first point, comparing my economic plan  
16 to Donald Trump's economic plan, they have  
17 reviewed it, and determined that my economic plan  
18 would strengthen America's economy, his would  
19 weaken it. Sixteen Nobel laureates, Moody's,  
20 others have determined, after reviewing what  
21 Donald Trump is proposing, that he would induce  
22 inflation, increase inflation, and bring about a  
23 recession by the middle of next year.

24 MR. BILL WHITAKER: But --

25 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: My plan,

1 Bill, if you don't mind, my plan is about saying  
2 that when you invest in small businesses, you  
3 invest in the middle class, and you strengthen  
4 America's economy. Small businesses are part of  
5 the backbone of America's economy --

6 MR. BILL WHITAKER: But pardon me,  
7 Madam Vice President, the question was how are  
8 you going to pay for it?

9 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Well,  
10 one of the things is I'm going to make sure that  
11 the richest among us, who can afford it, pay  
12 their fair share in taxes. Listen, again, my  
13 opponent, when he was President, issued a tax cut  
14 for people like himself, billionaires, and the  
15 biggest corporations. My perspective is  
16 everybody needs to pay their fair share. It is  
17 not right that teachers and nurses and  
18 firefighters are paying a higher tax rate than  
19 billionaires, and the biggest corporations.

20 MR. BILL WHITAKER: But, but --

21 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: And I  
22 plan on making that fair.

23 MR. BILL WHITAKER: But we're dealing  
24 with the real world here.

25 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: But the

1 real world includes --

2 MR. BILL WHITAKER: How are you going  
3 to get this through Congress?

4 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Well,  
5 you know, when you talk quietly with a lot of  
6 folks in Congress, they know exactly what I'm  
7 talking about, because their constituents know  
8 exactly what I'm talking about. Their  
9 constituents are those firefighters and teachers  
10 and nurses. Their constituents are middle class  
11 hard-working folk who know that it is not right  
12 that hard-working people are paying a higher tax  
13 rate than the richest people, who can afford to  
14 pay their fair share. So that's how we deal with  
15 it.

16 But understand also that this is --  
17 yes, it is about how we pay for what we're doing,  
18 but understand it's not -- it doesn't end there.  
19 My plan is actually about strengthening America's  
20 economy. Not just netting zero, my plan is about  
21 doing what we can do for small businesses and  
22 startups. Right now, the tax deduction, Bill,  
23 for a startup, \$5,000. In 2024, nary a person is  
24 going to be able to start a small business with  
25 \$5,000. So I'm going to extend it to \$50,000.

1 My plan is about what we need to do, and yes,  
2 expand the Child Tax Credit. Because for young  
3 families, for the first year of their child's  
4 life, \$6,000 allows them to buy a crib, a car  
5 seat, and just be able to not just get by, but  
6 get ahead for that most critical stage of their  
7 child's development. We all benefit from that.  
8 We all benefit from that.

9 MR. BILL WHITAKER: I understand. But  
10 that sounds great -- it does, it all sounds good.  
11 But the reality is these tax cuts have been in  
12 place for years.

13 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: They're  
14 about to expire.

15 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Yes, and Congress  
16 has shown no inclination to move in your  
17 direction.

18 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: I  
19 disagree with you. There are plenty of leaders  
20 in Congress who understand and know that the  
21 Trump tax cuts blew up our federal deficit, and  
22 care about the deficit in a way that they know we  
23 must address it by making sure that our tax  
24 policy reflects fairness. And again, understand  
25 none of us, and certainly I cannot afford to be

1 myopic in terms of how I think about  
2 strengthening America's economy. And that has to  
3 include where are we investing our resources in a  
4 way that we maximize the return on the  
5 investment?

6 Let me tell you something. I am a  
7 devout public servant. You know that. I am also  
8 a capitalist. And I know the limitations of  
9 government. Part of the work I've always done,  
10 and the work I will do as President includes  
11 engaging the private sector to join in what we  
12 can do, whether it be, again, tax incentives for  
13 builders or developers, or what we need to do to  
14 increase the work I've already done to get some  
15 of our biggest finance houses and corporations to  
16 invest in community banks, to increase access to  
17 capital for small businesses.

18 MR. BILL WHITAKER: So if --

19 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: All of  
20 this work must be done, but we have to have a  
21 holistic approach that is comprehensive.

22 MR. BILL WHITAKER: I guess what I was  
23 asking, if all of this makes so much sense, why  
24 has this not been done?

25 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Well --

1                   MR. BILL WHITAKER: You are dealing  
2 with a Congress that is divided, that many are in  
3 opposition to not only you, but your policies.  
4 So how are you going to make this come true?

5                   VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Bill, if  
6 I approached my life as though, well, it's never  
7 been done before, therefore it cannot be done, I  
8 wouldn't be sitting here in this interview with  
9 you. That's the truth. But I do believe that we  
10 have to have leadership in our country as we turn  
11 the page on all of these, sadly, powerful forces  
12 that have been trying to divide us. We have to  
13 turn the page on that, and chart a new way  
14 forward that is driven by building consensus, and  
15 building common ground.

16                   Listen, if you look at my campaign, I  
17 am supported by over 200 former members of Mitt  
18 Romney -- Romney, John McCain, both President  
19 Bush, and even Former President Trump's teams. I  
20 have the support of people who are -- Republicans  
21 who understand what is at stake in this election,  
22 be it as it relates to our democracy, and our  
23 most fundamental principles, and I do believe  
24 based on a collective understanding we have that  
25 America's politics has to get back to the place

1 of encouraging healthy debate, but not division  
2 for the sake of division.

3 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Hmm. Just a couple  
4 more economic story -- questions here.

5 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Sure.

6 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Donald Trump says  
7 that tariffs on imports, well, that would be the  
8 solution to all of our economic woes. You  
9 criticize his plan for tariffs. Yet the Biden-  
10 Harris Administration has left many of the Trump-  
11 era tariffs in place, especially when it regards  
12 China, and President Biden has, in fact, expanded  
13 some of those tariffs. Would you continue the  
14 Trump-era tariffs if you're elected?

15 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: So part  
16 of the real problem that economists and others  
17 have pointed out about Trump's approach in this  
18 election, he is advocating what is at least a 20%  
19 tariff across the board on everyday necessities  
20 and goods, which economists have estimated will  
21 cost the average American family more than almost  
22 \$4,000 a year, more than what they're already  
23 paying. For everyday goods --

24 MR. BILL WHITAKER: But you've got  
25 tariffs --

1 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Let me  
2 get to my point. On everyday goods. So an  
3 across the board blanket policy on tariffs for  
4 everyday goods and necessities. Tariff policy,  
5 we cannot afford to have that is just a blind  
6 policy, without looking at what we are talking  
7 about, and what will it induce, what will it  
8 incentivize.

9 On the point about China, look, America  
10 has to win the competition for the 21st century  
11 as it relates to China. And we need to have  
12 policy that includes investing in America,  
13 investing in American workers, investing in  
14 American manufacturing, investing in American  
15 supply chain. And that is, I believe, smart and  
16 important policy not only for the sake of our  
17 security, but also our prosperity.

18 MR. BILL WHITAKER: So let's move on to  
19 immigration. You recently visited the southern  
20 border, and embraced President Biden's recent  
21 crackdown on asylum seekers. And that crackdown  
22 produced an almost immediate and dramatic  
23 decrease in the number of border crossings, and  
24 you said you would take it even further. If  
25 that's the right answer now, why didn't your

1 administration take those steps in 2021?

2 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: So we  
3 came into office, and almost hours, Bill, after  
4 our inauguration, the first bill we proposed to  
5 Congress was to fix our broken immigration  
6 system, knowing that if you want to actually fix  
7 it, we need Congress to act. It was not taken  
8 up.

9 Fast forward to a moment when a  
10 bipartisan group of members of the United States  
11 Senate, including one of the most conservative  
12 members of the United States Senate, got  
13 together, came up with a border security bill,  
14 which I support. Well, guess what happened?  
15 Donald Trump got word that this bill was afoot,  
16 and could be passed, knowing that it could fix  
17 part of the problem, and he wants to run on a  
18 problem instead of fixing a problem, so he told  
19 his buddies in Congress kill the bill, don't let  
20 it move forward.

21 MR. BILL WHITAKER: But Madam Vice  
22 President, I've been covering the border for  
23 years, and so I know this is not a problem that  
24 started with your administration.

25 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Correct.

1      Correct.

2                    MR. BILL WHITAKER: But there was an  
3      historic flood of undocumented immigrants coming  
4      across the border the first three years of your  
5      administration. As a matter of fact, arrivals  
6      quadrupled from the last year of President Trump.

7      Was it a mistake to loosen the immigration  
8      policies as much as you did in 2021?

9                    VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: So  
10     regionally, and actually globally, we have seen  
11     this as an issue, and America is obviously not  
12     immune from this issue. But the focus has to be,  
13     to your point, you've been covering it for years,  
14     it's a long-standing problem, and solutions are  
15     at hand. And from day one, literally, we have  
16     been offering solutions which have not been  
17     picked up, and then, when there was a border  
18     security bill, my opponent decided to run on the  
19     problem instead of fixing the problem.

20                   And understand what that bill would  
21     have done. That border security bill would have  
22     put 1,500 more agents at the border, which is why  
23     the Border Patrol Union supported it. It would  
24     have put more resources into stemming the flow of  
25     fentanyl. Which is a scourge.

1                   MR. BILL WHITAKER: But that was just  
2 this past year. That was just this past year.  
3 What I was asking was, was it a mistake to kind  
4 of allow that flood to happen in the first place?

5                   VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: I think  
6 it -- The policies that we have been proposing  
7 are about fixing a problem, not promoting a  
8 problem. Okay? But the way --

9                   MR. BILL WHITAKER: But the numbers did  
10 quadruple under your watch.

11                  VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: And the  
12 numbers today, because of what we have done, we  
13 have cut the flow of illegal immigration by half.  
14 We have cut the flow of fentanyl by half.

15                  MR. BILL WHITAKER: But should you have  
16 done that, shouldn't you have done that --

17                  VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: But we  
18 need Congress to be able to act to actually fix  
19 the problem.

20                  I was just at the border.

21                  MR. BILL WHITAKER: Mm-hmm.

22                  VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: I'm  
23 talking with these incredible men and women who  
24 are working around the clock, because again, they  
25 don't have the resources they need. We need an

1 act of Congress, who carries the purse, to do it.

2 Donald Trump told them don't act.

3 I talked with the Border Patrol agents,  
4 some of the leaders. Part of the issue that they  
5 identified is we need more asylum judges. We  
6 need more processing of people who are coming to  
7 our border, and the resources aren't there. You  
8 know how those resources, commensurate with the  
9 need, get dedicated? Congress has to act.

10 MR. BILL WHITAKER: But I guess my  
11 question is, it's a pretty simple one, if this is  
12 the right answer now, what you tried to do with  
13 the bipartisan bill this tour --

14 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: And what  
15 we tried to do on day one, Bill. And what we  
16 tried to do on day one. When we came in, first  
17 order of business before we did the Inflation  
18 Reduction Act, before we did -- successfully, by  
19 the way, without one Republican vote. Before we  
20 did the bipartisan infrastructure bill, before we  
21 passed the first meaningful piece of legislation  
22 to deal with gun violence in America in 30 years,  
23 the first, first thing we did was to offer a  
24 comprehensive solution to create a pathway for  
25 citizenship, and for people to earn it, and to

1 deal with what we need to do to put more  
2 resources to ensure that we are able to heighten  
3 our level of security at the border.

4 MR. BILL WHITAKER: So yeah, we do need  
5 to move on, because our time is short. But I'm  
6 trying to understand how it is that with this  
7 emphasis on the border, the numbers of crossings  
8 quadrupled under the first three years of the  
9 Biden-Harris Administration. What -- how did  
10 that happen?

11 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: There  
12 are a variety of factors that relate to what we  
13 have seen globally, and what we are not immune  
14 from at our own border in terms of what we have  
15 seen in terms of the surge of immigration and  
16 irregular migration. And there are solutions at  
17 hand, but we've got to have leaders who are  
18 solution-oriented, which we've been and are, and  
19 I am going forward, instead of leaders who want  
20 to make it a problem they can run on.

21 MR. BILL WHITAKER: And talking about  
22 that person you're mentioning right now, you have  
23 accused Donald Trump of using racist tropes when  
24 it comes to Haitian immigrants in Springfield,  
25 Ohio, when it comes to birtherism, when it comes

1 to Charlottesville. In fact, you have called him  
2 a racist, and divisive. Yet Donald Trump has the  
3 support of millions and millions of Americans.  
4 How do you explain that?

5 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: So let's  
6 just break down what you just talked about, and  
7 talk about it in the context of the words that  
8 Donald Trump has spoken, and the actions he has  
9 taken, and whether that is reflective of who we  
10 are as Americans, knowing we have so much more in  
11 common than what separates us.

12 We have a former president who wants to  
13 be President again, who has a bouquet of  
14 microphones in front of him, who has said the  
15 most vile lies about a group of legal immigrants  
16 in Springfield, Ohio. And if I may, Bill, let me  
17 just say something. You know, from the time I  
18 was a prosecutor, to attorney general, to now I'm  
19 Vice President, I learned very early in my career  
20 when the voters bestow on you the authority to  
21 have these positions, you must be very thoughtful  
22 about how you use that microphone in front of  
23 you. And you know, when I was attorney general,  
24 the words I spoke could move markets.

25 So the idea that the former president,

1 who again is running to be President, would use  
2 that microphone in a way that is about vilifying  
3 and demeaning a whole population of people, you  
4 know what has happened because of that? One day  
5 when this happened was a school day, picture day  
6 for an elementary school. Picture day. You know  
7 what picture day is for our children. They get  
8 excited the night before when you put out the  
9 clothes they're going to wear, they go to school  
10 making sure their faces are clean, and their hair  
11 is done, and they go to school for picture day.  
12 You know what happened to these children? They  
13 had to evacuate that day, because of the fear of  
14 the threats that were being issued in Springfield  
15 because of the words of Donald Trump.

16 MR. BILL WHITAKER: So --

17 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: So I say  
18 that I'm glad you're pointing these comments out  
19 that he has made, that have resulted in a  
20 response by most reasonable people to say it's  
21 just wrong. It's just wrong.

22 MR. BILL WHITAKER: So you have said  
23 you want to be the President of all the people.

24 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Yes.

25 MR. BILL WHITAKER: With so many people

1 supporting Donald Trump, a man you have called a  
2 racist, how do you bridge that seemingly  
3 unbridgeable gap?

4 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: I  
5 believe that the people of America want a leader  
6 who's not trying to divide us, and demean. I  
7 believe that the American people recognize that  
8 the true measure of the strength of a leader is  
9 not based on who you beat down, it's based on who  
10 you lift up. And I have traveled around our  
11 country, and I have met with people of every  
12 background and walk of life, including people who  
13 have supported Donald Trump in the past, who say  
14 to me they're ready to turn the page. They're  
15 exhausted with what he has been doing, and that  
16 approach, and they want to chart a new way  
17 forward for our country.

18 MR. BILL WHITAKER: So was democracy  
19 best served by President Biden stepping down, and  
20 basically handing you a nomination? You didn't  
21 have to go through a primary process, you didn't  
22 have to fight off other contenders, and that's  
23 not really the way our system was intended to  
24 work.

25 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: So

1 President Biden made a decision that I think  
2 history is going to show is rare among leaders,  
3 which was to put country before self. And I am  
4 proud to have earned the support of the vast  
5 majority of delegates, and to have been elected  
6 the Democratic nominee to be Vice President of  
7 the United States. I am honored to have received  
8 the support and endorsement of over 200  
9 Republicans who served in the last three  
10 Republican Presidential administrations. I am  
11 proud to have earned the support of leaders of  
12 our national security community. I am proud to  
13 have received the endorsement of leaders around  
14 this country from every background and walk of  
15 life, to fight in this election over the next  
16 month for our democracy, and the principles upon  
17 which it stands.

18 What is at stake in this election, you  
19 mentioned our democracy, is whether we are a  
20 nation that abides by and respects the rule of  
21 law, and that we have a President who is the  
22 champion of following and respecting and  
23 upholding rule of law.

24 MR. BILL WHITAKER: But I would think  
25 that --

1 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Not  
2 someone who has been convicted of 34 felonies,  
3 who tried to overturn the free and fair election  
4 which was the will of the people on January 6th.  
5 Not someone who has said he would be a dictator  
6 on day one. Not someone who has said, and these  
7 are his words, he would terminate the  
8 Constitution of the United States of America.

9 MR. BILL WHITAKER: But I think this  
10 truncated process is why people think or say they  
11 don't really know who you are.

12 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Well,  
13 Bill, there's no question. Look, I've been in  
14 this race for 70 days, and there is work to be  
15 done. It is, without any question, a short  
16 period of time. There's no question about that.  
17 Which is why I'm traveling around our country --

18 As I said earlier, I mean you've seen  
19 me, I'm from one state to the next to the next.  
20 I don't know how many states I've been in this  
21 last week alone. Literally, I've lost count. So  
22 it is my responsibility to earn the vote. And  
23 I'm going to work to do that.

24 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Three-quarters of  
25 the American voters, or likely voters, say that

1 they are concerned about the possibility of  
2 election-related violence. And with two  
3 assassination attempts against former president  
4 Trump, the country seems near a boiling point.  
5 What can you do, what should you do to lower the  
6 temperature?

7 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Well,  
8 first let's start with those attempts,  
9 assassination attempts on the former president.  
10 I was deeply disturbed, shocked, and shaken,  
11 frankly, when they happened. I called the former  
12 president to check on him. But it is really  
13 important that all of us speak loudly, regardless  
14 of who we're voting for, to say our differences  
15 have to be settled at the ballot box, and not  
16 through violence. We cannot lose our soul in  
17 terms of who we are as Americans by resorting to  
18 violence to settle our differences, much less to  
19 make a decision about who's going to be the next  
20 President of the United States.

21 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Let's hit on some  
22 more foreign policy. Which foreign country do  
23 you consider to be our greatest adversary?

24 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Well,  
25 there are different reasons that we should be

1 thoughtful about each. Most recently, I think  
2 there's an obvious one in mind, which is Iran.  
3 And look, I mean, Iran has American blood on  
4 their hands, okay? And what we saw in terms of  
5 just this attack on Israel, 200 ballistic  
6 missiles, what we need to do to ensure that Iran  
7 never achieves the ability to be a nuclear power,  
8 that is one of my highest priorities. And that  
9 must be.

10 MR. BILL WHITAKER: So if you have  
11 proof that Iran is building a nuclear weapon,  
12 would you take military action?

13 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: I'm not  
14 going to talk about hypotheticals at this moment.

15 MR. BILL WHITAKER: What about China?  
16 China is strongly asserting its dominance, its  
17 control of the South China Sea, especially around  
18 the Philippines.

19 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Yeah.

20 MR. BILL WHITAKER: What is the U.S.  
21 responsibility for keeping China from simply  
22 taking over the South China Sea?

23 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Well, I  
24 have actually worked very closely with the  
25 leaders in the Philippines on just this very

1 issue, and including the work that we are doing  
2 in terms of coordination between our military and  
3 training, and what needs to happen in terms of  
4 protecting the freedom of the South China Sea.

5 China, first of all, we must win the  
6 competition for the 21st century with China. We  
7 must be able to compete and win. We should not  
8 seek conflict, but we have to understand that  
9 there are parameters in which we must operate  
10 that include ensuring, for example, that we  
11 protect American business interests. What we --

12 MR. BILL WHITAKER: So say if China  
13 attacks Taiwan. Would we use military force to  
14 support Taiwan?

15 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Bill,  
16 I'm not going to get into hypotheticals. But  
17 listen, we need to make sure that we maintain a  
18 one-China policy, and -- but that includes  
19 supporting Taiwan's ability to defend itself,  
20 including what we need to do to ensure the  
21 freedom of the Taiwan Strait. But on the issue  
22 of China, we also -- Again, these are not -- We  
23 cannot afford to have foreign policy that is  
24 myopic.

25 We must be able to also, as it relates

1 to China, continue to do the work that we have  
2 begun to deal with the flow of fentanyl coming  
3 into the United States. That's a real issue.  
4 Again, you talk to families around our country  
5 who have -- I just, on a constant, sadly, regular  
6 basis meet parents and family members of people  
7 who have died from fentanyl, young people who  
8 have died from fentanyl. Are we going to stop  
9 trying to stem the flow of fentanyl? And we have  
10 to deal with that, and understand China's role in  
11 that, and our ability to work with China to stop  
12 that flow. Which we have begun to do, and I'm  
13 going to continue to do. We need to make sure we  
14 have open lines of communication with China, in  
15 particular military to military.

16 So these issues are all -- they're  
17 multifaceted.

18 MR. BILL WHITAKER: So what about  
19 Russia and Ukraine? What does the end of the war  
20 -- what does success look like in ending the war  
21 in Ukraine?

22 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: There  
23 will be no success in ending that war without  
24 Ukraine and the UN Charter participating in what  
25 that success looks like.

1 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Would you --

2 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: That  
3 being said, America must stand firm in being a  
4 leader in defending international rules and norms  
5 that include one of the most important, which is  
6 the critical nature and importance of sovereignty  
7 and territorial integrity.

8 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Would you meet with  
9 President Vladimir Putin to negotiate a solution  
10 to the war in Ukraine?

11 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Not  
12 bilaterally, without Ukraine, no. Ukraine must  
13 have a say in the future of Ukraine.

14 MR. BILL WHITAKER: How about as  
15 President, would you support the effort to expand  
16 NATO to include Ukraine?

17 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Those  
18 are all issues that we will deal with if and when  
19 it arrives at that point. Right now, we are  
20 supporting Ukraine's ability to defend itself  
21 against Russia's unprovoked aggression, and doing  
22 what we can to continue to build and strengthen  
23 the alliance around the support for Ukraine's  
24 right to be an independent nation, free from  
25 having its borders forcefully taken by Russia.

1 And we are going to continue to work closely with  
2 our NATO allies to continue to reinforce  
3 America's alliance in the context of NATO.

4 Again, in this election, there's a real  
5 difference between me and the former president.  
6 I believe in reinforcing the strength of NATO,  
7 understanding again it is the greatest military  
8 alliance the world has ever known. Donald Trump  
9 would pull us out of NATO. Donald Trump, if he  
10 were President, Putin would be sitting in Kiev  
11 right now. Let's be clear about that. He talks  
12 about, oh, he can end it on day one. You know  
13 what that is? It's about surrender. Achieving  
14 peace, and an end to this war is not synonymous  
15 with surrender. Those two things are not the  
16 same.

17 MR. BILL WHITAKER: It's kind of a hard  
18 left turn here, but you recently surprised people  
19 when you said that you are a gun owner, and that  
20 if someone came into your house --

21 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: That was  
22 not the first time I've talked about it.

23 MR. BILL WHITAKER: -- they would get  
24 shot.

25 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: That's

1 not the first time I've talked about it. But  
2 it's -- I mean, I don't talk about it a lot, but  
3 --

4 MR. BILL WHITAKER: So what kind of gun  
5 do you own? And when, and why did you get it?

6 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: I have a  
7 Glock, and I've had it for quite some time. And  
8 I mean, look, Bill, my background is in law  
9 enforcement, and -- so there you go.

10 MR. BILL WHITAKER: Have you ever fired  
11 it?

12 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Yes. Of  
13 course I have. At a shooting range, yes, of  
14 course I have. And to just give you more detail,  
15 and I store it in a lock box, and it is safely  
16 stored, and as any responsible gun owner does.

17 MR. BILL WHITAKER: I'm getting the  
18 countdown here, but one last thing. You are  
19 sitting here with us. The Trump campaign  
20 canceled an interview that they had agreed to, to  
21 participate in this broadcast. What do you make  
22 of that?

23 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Listen,  
24 I think that -- Look, I think that your viewers  
25 have options in terms of how they're going to

1 hear from him. And I invite them to watch what  
2 he says at his rallies. If he is not going to  
3 give your viewers the ability to have a  
4 meaningful, thoughtful conversation, and question  
5 and answer with you, then watch his rallies. And  
6 what you're going to hear are comments about  
7 fictional characters, like Hannibal Lecter.  
8 You're going to hear conversations suggesting  
9 that human beings are eating their pets. You're  
10 going to hear conversations that are about  
11 himself, and all of his personal grievances.  
12 Words that are intended to divide our country is  
13 what you will hear.

14 And what you will not hear is anything  
15 about you, the listener. You will not hear a  
16 plan about how he's going to make your life  
17 better. You will not hear a plan about how he's  
18 going to strengthen the middle class. You will  
19 not hear about how he is going to strengthen  
20 small businesses. You will not hear about how he  
21 is going to try to bring the country together,  
22 and find common ground.

23 And Bill, that is why I believe in my  
24 soul and heart the American people are ready to  
25 turn the page.

1                   MR. BILL WHITAKER: You have said that  
2 the country is exhausted.

3                   VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Yes.

4                   MR. BILL WHITAKER: With the rhetoric,  
5 and the finger pointing. How about you? Are you  
6 exhausted?

7                   VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: I'll be  
8 exhausted on November 6th. Not now. Not now.  
9 Too much to do. Too much to do.

10                  MR. BILL WHITAKER: Madam Vice  
11 President, thank you very much.

12                  VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Thank  
13 you. Thank you, Bill. Good to be with you.

14                  CREW: Can we just get just a little  
15 bit of a question, please, so I can get an over  
16 the shoulder shot?

17                  MR. BILL WHITAKER: Yeah.

18                  CREW: One second [inaudible] okay.  
19 Thank you.

20                  MR. BILL WHITAKER: You need me  
21 talking?

22                  CREW: Yes, sir.

23                  MR. BILL WHITAKER: Well, we were  
24 talking about how you're going to pay for it.  
25 And I mean, I truly do mean it, you know, your

1 plans are logical, make logical sense.

2 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Mm-hmm.

3 MR. BILL WHITAKER: The way Washington  
4 works is not logical. So how are you going to  
5 convince a divided Congress that what you say,  
6 your plans are something that they should all  
7 agree to, and provide to the American people,  
8 when they've shown no inclination to do that up  
9 to this point?

10 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Is that  
11 what you needed?

12 CREW: Yes, sir.

13 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Okay.

14 CREW: Yes, ma'am.

15 Thirty seconds of silence, please, for  
16 room tone.

17 CREW: Mark.

18 [00:56:34.634]

19 [silence]

20 [00:56:47.660]

21 CREW: Cameras are off.

22 MR. BILL WHITAKER: How will you?

23 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: It's  
24 going to be taxes. It's going to be literally  
25 the economists -- I mean, they're -- From each,

1 the spectrum --

2 MR. BILL WHITAKER: But I hear what  
3 you're saying about the economists. This is  
4 true.

5 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: Yeah.

6 Yeah.

7 MR. BILL WHITAKER: But Congress is not  
8 the economists. They're --

9 VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS: I know,  
10 but --

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